

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Project Title:**

# Anchorage - Anchorage Veteran's Memorial Improvements

**State Funding Requested: \$ 500,000**  
One-Time Need**House District: Anchorage Area-wide (17-32)****Brief Project Description:**

The veteran's memorial on the Park Strip is in need of a redesign and facelift to better honor the men and women of Alaska who have served their country.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$1,200,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Local Funds	\$200,000					
Other	\$500,000					
Total	\$700,000					

*Explanation of Other Funds:**\$500,000 has been privately raised for completion of this project.***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The Anchorage Veteran's Memorial is intended to be a place that inspires visitors and honors those who have bravely served their country. The current memorial on the Park Strip is limiting and does not do justice to the sacrifices of the men and women who serve our country. This project will take the existing memorial and reorient it so that it is handicap accessible, better lit, and set back from the noise and congestion of the nearby roadway.

Design and development of this project were funded by the 2007 Municipal Park Bond. Additionally, \$500,000 of private funds have been raised for this project.

**Project Timeline:**

Design and development have already been completed so the physical improvements could begin immediately.

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Municipality of Anchorage

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**2008 STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM****MUNICIPAL PRIORITY ISSUES*****Capital Budget*****Parks & Recreation****PROJECT NAME:** ANCHORAGE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL IMPROVEMENTS**PROJECT TYPE:** Community Enhancement**GRANT REQUEST:** \$500,000**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

A Mayoral appointed Veteran's Memorial Blue Ribbon Task Force has been guiding the project development of the Anchorage Veteran's Memorial in Delaney Park and is selecting a Preferred Alternative by the end of December of 2007. Funds will be used to build the final selected design.

**COMMENTS:**

The Anchorage Veteran's Memorial is intended to be a place that inspires and nurtures all visitors -- veterans, non-veterans and especially school children -- for a heightened sense of patriotism and an appreciation for the sacrifices endured by the veterans from the 49th State. The current Veteran's Memorial in Delaney Park experiences many limiting features and there is a strong desire within the community for the memorial to adequately reflect the contributions of our Alaskan veterans.

The proposed memorial improvements will redesign the existing Veteran's Memorial to recognize the use of the space that has evolved over many years. The existing memorial will be reoriented to address problematic site conditions such as solar glare and traffic noise, existing elements will be reorganized and new elements will be constructed. These improvements will provide a fully accessible space for public ceremony while recognizing the needs of many for a space for quiet remembrance. It will provide space to acknowledge the campaigns of America's military while recognizing the specific sacrifices of Alaskans and their contributions to the protection of liberty. Improvements will make the memorial fully accessible to the disabled, will provide sound attenuation from nearby roadways, and provide lighting and visibility that meets the needs of our veterans and citizens while providing a safe and secure public space. The power of the memorial elements and the park surroundings into which it is placed will enable all visitors to contemplate both the cost of America's liberty and the memory of those men and women who have paid it through their military service.

The \$500,000 State request would be used to leverage \$250,000 in hand and \$500,000 in privately raised funds. Design and Development of the Veteran's Memorial is funded through the 2007 Municipal Park Bond.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

Alaska is experiencing a heightened awareness of the contributions our service men and women make for the entire United States of America. The Anchorage Veteran's Memorial should provide a respectful place to celebrate, grieve and respect the patriotic acts of our citizens. The existing facility does not meet the needs of a special events community space and is not ADA accessible.

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<b>FUNDING FORECAST</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Total</b>
9825 - State Grant Revenue - Direct	500	0	0	0	0	0	500
9999 - Other Sources	500	0	0	0	0	0	500
<b>Project Total</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,000</b>

**Legislative District(s)****House:** District 23-Downtown/Rogers Park**Community Council(s):** Downtown**CONTACT PERSON:** Jeff Dillon, Director; Anchorage Parks & Recreation; 343-4562; dillonrj@muni.org

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# Anchorage Park Foundation

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### Anchorage Park Foundation

The Anchorage Park Foundation strives to build *Healthy Parks & Healthy People* by mobilizing public support and financial resources for Anchorage parks, trails, and recreation opportunities. Do you have a vision for parks, trails, open spaces and recreation in Anchorage? Consider the Anchorage Park Foundation your opportunity to fund community projects through public-private partnerships.

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### Parks & Recreation

Anchorage has 10,946 acres of municipal parkland, 223 parks, and over 250 miles of trails and greenbelts that link neighborhoods with surrounding natural open space and wildlife habitat. These are considerable assets for the citizens of Anchorage to enjoy and maintain.

Parks & Recreation launched the *Clean & Green, Safe & Secure Campaign* with the Anchorage Park Foundation to upgrade the safety, function, and appearance of Anchorage parks. To get involved call 343-4288.

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Improvements will make the memorial fully accessible to the disabled, will provide sound attenuation from nearby roadways, and provide lighting and visibility that meets the needs of our veterans and citizens while providing a safe and secure public space. The power of the memorial elements and the park surroundings into which it is placed will enable all visitors to contemplate both the cost of America's liberty and the memory of those men and women who have paid it through their military service.



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# Project Cost Estimate

## Project Budget

## Cost

Safety, security, and A/V improvements	\$250,000
Plaza and walkways	\$700,000
Memorial sculptural and landscape elements	\$250,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,200,000</b>

### 2008 REQUEST

State	\$500,000
Other	\$500,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>

2007 Park Bond	\$200,000
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